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CASES

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1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR CALLED ON FRG CONSOFF MAY 23 (LATTER HAD BEEN IN GERMANY ALL OF LAST WEEK) AND INQUIRED WHETHER FRG EMBASSY AWARE OF SOVIET WITNESSES WHO WERE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO FRG IN CASE OF ALBERT EICHELES IN 1965 OR OTHER WAR CRIMES CASES.

2. FRG CONSOFF CONFIRMED INFO REPORTED REFTEL (B) THAT NO SOVIET SITNESSES TESTIFIED PERSONALLY AT EICHELES TRIAL. HE STATED THAT ONLY CASE HE COULD UNCOVER IN HIS EMBASSY'S FILES AT WHICH PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF SOVIET WITNESS OCCURRED WAS TRIAL OF NAZI WAR CRIMINAL KUNO CALLSEN IN DARMSTADT IN APRIL 1968. THE SOVIET WITNESS WAS DINA MIRONOVNA PRONICHEVA, WHO WAS 57 YEARS OLD AT THAT

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PERIOD APRIL 21 - 30, 1968.

3. IN GENERAL, FRG EXPERIENCE IN REGARD TO PERSONAL APPEARANCES IN FRG OF SOVIET WITNESSES HAS BEEN THE SAME AS OURS, I.E., WITNESSES ARE ALLEGEDLY TOO OLD OR SICK TO TRAVEL. FRG CONSOFF OPINED

THAT IN ADDITION TO FEAR BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT
WITNESSES MIGHT CHOOSE TO REMAIN ABROAD PERMANENTLY,
THEY ARE PROBABLY ALSO RELUCTANT TO PERMIT
UNCONTROLLED QUESTIONING OF SOVIET WITNESSES WHICH
COULD RESULT IN DISCLOSING INFORMATION WHICH THEY
DO NOT WISH EXPOSED. MATLOCK

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